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1. On 18 February, [ ] a committee of the Neuruppin billeting office, which included two Soviet officers, inspected apartments in the vicinity of Soviet military quarters. It was said that 400 apartments would have to be made available, with 200 to be evacuated for the Soviets at once.

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2. Between 2 and 6 March, no changes occurred regarding the occupation of the eastern section of the See Kaserne (2203) in Neuruppin. During the morning hours of 2, 3 and 4 March, each 4 T-34/85 tanks, 1 JS-1 tank and 2 JSU-122's drove from the installation toward Gentzrode. On 6 March, 100 men each of Units Zemyonov and Nikolayev respectively practiced marching in review. Van-like truck [ ] entered the installation.

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3. No changes were noticed in the occupation of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201). No routine activity was noticed in the barracks area in the afternoon on 3 March. Trucks [ ] stood in front of the garages of AAA unit Zultanov.

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4. The following observations were made at Gentzrode troop training grounds between 26 February and 8 March:

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At 8 a.m. on 26 February: arrival of T-34 tanks [ ] from the direction of Kraenzlin. The tanks practiced firing at targets and engaged in driving practice. They departed toward Kraenzlin at about 7 p.m.

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At 10 a.m. on 1 March: arrival from the direction of Katerbow of trucks [ ] with several soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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At 7 a.m. on 4 and 5 March: arrival of T-34 tanks [ ] from the direction of Kraenzlin. Each tank fired a single shot at a target and drove toward Kuhburgsberg (hill), where they were camouflaged with brushwork. They departed toward Kraenzlin at about 7 p.m.

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25X1 At 6 p.m. on 5 March: movement of the following column through Storbeck  
toward Neuruppin from the direction of Katerbow: T-34 tanks [redacted]

25X1 [redacted], trucks [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] each towing a 37-mm AA gun,  
25X1 and about 50 more trucks.

25X1 At noon on 8 March: movement of T-34 tanks [redacted]  
25X1 [redacted] 3 T-34 tank hulls and SP gun [redacted] from the direction of Neuruppin toward  
25X1 Waltersdorf. 1

5. The following observations were made at the Friedrich Franz Kaserne (2201)  
between 8 and 12 March:

25X1 At 8:55 a.m. on 8 March: arrival of 4 trucks [redacted] towing  
37-mm AA guns.

At 11:15 a.m. on 9 March: training with 3 x 122-mm howitzers.

At 2:20 p.m. on 9 March and 10 a.m. on 11 March: training with a 37-mm AA gun.

At 8:45 a.m. on 12 March: 10 trucks marked as driving school vehicles were  
parked in the yard.

On about every day during the period of observation, a group of 15 to 20 soldiers  
wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying 3 cable reels and several field  
telephones and some other groups, each of 10 to 20 men wearing red-bordered  
black epaulets and carrying carbines, moved out toward Stoeffnerweg. On 13 March,  
about 90 percent of the windows of the Friedrich Franz Kaserne were lighted.  
As numerous troops were observed, it seemed that the installation was heavily  
occupied.

6. On the evening of 13 March, the Panzer Kaserne (2205) on Altruppin Allee was  
about 95 percent lighted. The installation appeared to be heavily occupied.
7. On the evening of 13 March, the See Kaserne (2203) was about 90 percent lighted.  
The installation seemed to be heavily occupied. On 11 and 12 March, troops  
trained with 3 to 5 x 120-mm mortars on the Kleins Exerzierplatz (drill grounds)  
between Scholten Strasse and Trenkmann Strasse. 2

8. On 10 March, exercises with 76.2-mm guns, 82-mm or 120-mm mortars and, presumably,  
also with other heavy weapons, were conducted in the Kraenzlin-Wildberg-Rohrlack  
area. MiG-15 units from Neuruppin airfield continuously employed during the day  
presumably participated in the army exercises. 3

9. Between 9 and 13 March, there was continuous traffic of jeeps and radio trucks  
along Wittstocker Allee in both directions. [redacted] army units  
with tanks and artillery conducted exercises in the Frankendorf area during  
the same period. [redacted] the flying of MiG-15s from Neuruppin  
airfield toward northeast was connected with these exercises. 3

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- 25X1 1. Comment. The movement described in paragraph 4 were made by tanks  
and motor vehicles of the 12th Gds Tank Div. They probably were of local importance  
only.

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- 25X1 2.   Comment. Report tends to indicate that, compared with information up to late February, no changes occurred regarding the occupation of the individual installations.   The transfer for combat firing in the Jueterbog area of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div was made not before 15 March.
- 25X1 3.   Comment. No information has so far been obtained that exercises were conducted in the area southwest and north-northwest of Neuruppin after 10 March. The exercises were not identical with those of the reinforced 25th Tank Div, as the latter terminated in the afternoon of 10 March. Movements in the Frankendorf area after 11 March may have been connected with combat firing practice at the Neuglienicke target range. The transfer of the bulk of the units of the Third Shock Army to other exercises in the Neuruppin-Neustrelitz-Wittstock area was made after 15 March.

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